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1. The State Committee for Material Procurement (SCMP) was absorbed by the State Planning Commission (SPC), to which it was subordinate, effective 1 December 1954. However, the working methods of the SCMP, now a part of the SPC, have not changed since then.
2. The head of the SCMP, Alfred Binz, was replaced by Kirsten (fnu),<sup>1</sup> Deputy Chairman of the SPC. Binz was reproached for taking insufficient precautions against "damaging elements" within the SCMP
3. Hugo Meiser's position, as deputy chairman for foreign trade in the SPC, has been given to Erwin Kerber. It is not known which functions will be given Binz, Meiser, and Alfred Teschauer. In the meantime, Meiser refuses to make such independent decisions as he used to make with regard to foreign trade and lets Kerber or Kirsten sign all the papers which he used to sign.

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